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Ex parte MICHAEL JAMES LIBERATORE,
BARRY JAY THALER, PAUL F. PELKA,
EDWARD J. CONLON and JON SHELDON PROKOP

Appeal No. 2004-0020
Application No. 09/183,479

ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL

Before HARKCOM, Acting Chief Administrative Patent Judge,
WILLIAM F. SMITH and NASE, Administrative Patent Judges.

PER CURIAM

On April 8, 2004, counsel for the appellants filed, among other documents, a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114. Pursuant to the notice entitled "Request for Continued Examination Practice and Changes to Provisional

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Application Practice," 65 Fed. Reg. 50092, 50095 (Aug. 16, 2000) and the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.114(d), a request for continued examination under 37 CFR § 1.114 filed after appeal has been taken, but prior to a decision on the appeal, "will be treated as a request to withdraw the appeal and to reopen prosecution of the application before the examiner."

Accordingly, the appeal in this application is dis-
missed.

The application is being returned to the examiner for further action as may be appropriate.


GARY V. HARKCOM
Acting Chief Administrative Patent Judge


WILLIAM F. SMITH
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JEFFREY V. NASE
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